

# ***MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION***

***The Lord's Day***

**October 2, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**  
**Reception of New Members**

**Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber**

***And Can It Be***  
*Arranged by Mark Hayes*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 295**

## ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres,

Ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Need of Confession: Psalm 130:1-3**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! <sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*

### **Personal Confession of Sin**

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:4**

*<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

## **Song of Praise**

### ***Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song***

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great father of mercies, thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of thy crucified son;  
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.  
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

## **The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory: Chancel Choir**

#### ***I Have Felt the Hand of God***

*By Craig Courtney*

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)*

### ***Sermon Series: Why the Church?***

#### ***Part Two: Jonah: Have You Missed the Heart of God?***

##### ***The Heart of God, Jonah 4:1-11 (ESV)***

*But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup>And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup>Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"*

We come this morning to the end of our study on the book of Jonah. Jonah chapter four records for us Jonah's response to God's grace and mercy to the city of Nineveh (hint: it's not good), and the Lord's response to Jonah (compassion).

We have said from the beginning of our study that the book of Jonah is all about the boundless compassion of God. It is about God's heart for the lost and the broken. We all have distorted

views of God, and we need to constantly have our distorted views brought under the light of the Scriptures and shaped by gospel realities. This text we are looking at this morning invites us to see the heart of God. And thus, also challenges us to examine ourselves as to whether our hearts are aligned with God's heart.

Asking the question of the text, "What do we learn about the heart of God?" we will take our outline this morning from C.S. Lewis' masterpiece, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. When Lucy was approaching the lion Aslan, who is the Christ figure in Lewis' work, she was told:

- I. He Is Not Tame
- II. He Is Good

### **Reflection**

*"The glory of God is the difference between what we would naturally be or do and what we are enabled to do by God's grace."* (C. John Miller, *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*)

### **Hymn 455**

#### ***And Can It Be That I Should Gain***

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*(Chorus)*

Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. *(Chorus)*

He left his Father's throne above  
(So free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!)  
And bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me! *(Chorus)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (*Chorus*)

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*Chorus*)

## **The Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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